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House Resolution 2171

By: Representative Jackson of the 142<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and celebrating the 80th birthday of Mrs. Sallie Mae Gross; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sallie Mae Gross was born on May 1, 1930, the beloved daughter of Louis
- 3 and Georgia Ann Bostic; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a life-long resident of Jefferson County, Georgia, Mrs. Gross was educated in
- 5 the Jefferson County School System and retired from the Oxford Shirt Company after 26
- 6 years of devoted service; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gross was united in love and marriage to Horace Gross on April 23, 1949,
- 8 and she has been blessed with seven loving and devoted children, Horace Gross, Jr., Edward
- 9 Gross, Mamie Gross Ross, Imogene Butler, Louis Gross, Henry Gross, and Patricia Bostic;
- 10 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she has demonstrated have provided
- 12 the foundation and framework of success in which all of her family members have developed
- 13 and flourished; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Gross is an active member of Pierce
- 15 Grove Baptist Church, where she serves as Mother of the Church and is active in the
- 16 missionary ministry and deaconess board; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gross has served on the usher board and the junior usher board of her
- 18 church and worked as a housekeeper until 2009; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mrs. Gross is a member of the Wadley/Bartow Concerned
- 20 Citizens League, serves as president of the Fair and Honest Society, and is a member of the
- 21 Morning Star Society; and

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WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high

- 23 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom
- 24 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
- 25 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and
- 26 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
- 27 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she has made of her life,
- 28 she makes this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she
- 29 be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.
- 30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 31 the members of this body join in commending Mrs. Sallie Mae Gross on the occasion of her
- 32 80th birthday and wishing her many more years of happiness.
- 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Sallie Mae Gross.